

December 2005 Unified Program Newsletter

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New Staff, Departed Staff & Hiring Staff

We are very happy to announce that Loretta Ransom, our new Staff Environmental Scientist, started in our office on December 12, 2005. Loretta comes to us from the Department of Toxic Substances Control where she has been a scientist and supervisor for many years. Throughout her career, Loretta has also worked with the Department of Justice, the Department of Health Services, and the Integrated Waste Management Board. Her extensive background in the environmental sciences and justice will help us with the Unified Program development into the future.

Dennis Karidis has left the Unified Program and taken a position with the Sacramento County Environment Health Department. He's now part of the Sacramento CUPA. Dennis' enthusiasm and expertise will be sorely missed.

The Unified Program will be recruiting for Dennis' now vacant position. The position description summary is as follows:

The Environmental Scientist conducts evaluations of CUPA programs through out the state, writes draft and final evaluation reports, provides technical assistance to CUPAs, develops and presents training for CUPAs, assists in Unified Program regulatory development or revision, responds to questions from the public, and other governmental agencies, participates in, and often leads, workgroups and committees developing program improvements or on special projects, writes reports as assigned on various topics, and prepares correspondence as necessary.

Please visit <http://www.spb.ca.gov/> under menu item Employment to determine eligibility. The position notification is at http://www.spb.ca.gov/Employment/more_info.cfm?recno=252910. For additional information, please contact Jim Bohon at 916-327-5097 or jbohon@calepa.ca.gov.

State Water Resources Control Board

New State Water Board Staff

We are pleased to announce that Mr. John Elkins has accepted a position with the State Water Board UST Program's UST Leak Prevention Technical Unit. John has been an Environmental Specialist with the Sacramento County for 4 years, and recently served as the lead program staff for the County's UST Program. John brings to the State Water Board his knowledge of the UST regulatory requirements, hands-on experience with UST installation, leak detection, and compliance inspections. The local agency perspective and UST expertise he brings to the State Water Board will be valuable. Please join us in welcoming John, who can be reached at jelkins@waterboards.ca.gov; or 916-341-5668.

New Monitoring System for AB 2481 UST Systems

On November 17, 2005, the Franklin Fueling Systems SCM was added to LG-113. This is a vacuum-based monitoring system acceptable for use on USTs installed on or after July 1, 2004. The system will be marketed as "Incon TS-SCM" and "EBW AS-SCM". A table showing all of the monitoring systems that have been listed in LG-113 for use on USTs installed after July 1, 2004 can be found on the "Hot Topics" section of the UST Program web page (<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/>).

UST Program Contact: Scott Bacon (sbacon@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5873).

California UST Inspector Certification

As of November 1, 2005, a total of 412 persons had obtained ICC UST Inspector Certificates. We recommend that, when an UST inspector signs UST facility inspection reports, the inspector also include his or her ICC UST Inspector Certificate number. Other ICC California UST programs: Designated UST Operators - 3592; UST Service Technicians – 787; UST Installers with a California address – 545. UST Program Contact: Laura Chaddock (lchaddock@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5870).

ICC Certified UST Inspectors

Upon request from the local agencies, the State Water Board instructed the ICC to temporarily remove the list of certified UST Inspectors from their website. Apparently, some test centers required inspectors to provide their home addresses when they took the exam. This personal information was then passed along to ICC and placed on the website as contact information. Currently, the ICC is working on posting the list without home addresses. In the interim, please call the ICC at 1-888-422-7233, ext 33815 to verify an inspector's status. To minimize to amount of calls to the ICC, please check their website regularly to see if the ability to search for a certified UST Inspector has been restored. UST Program Contact: John Elkins (jelkins@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5668).

Single-Walled UST Survey

On September 22, in cooperation with the CUPA Forum Board, we sent to the primary UST contact at each local agency a survey to gather information on the number of UST facilities with single-walled UST systems (SW tanks with SW piping, SW tanks with DW piping, and/or DW tanks with SW piping). Additionally, information was requested on the number of SW UST systems that serve as the only fueling location for large rural geographical areas. We later extended the deadline to respond to December 1, 2005, with the understanding that agencies that have not responded by then will be recorded as not having any single-walled USTs. We expect to provide summary information to the UST Issue Coordinators later in December. UST Program Contact: Terry Snyder (tsnyder@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5385).

Department of Toxic Substances Control

RCRA LQG Identification lists

While there is no definitive list of all RCRA LQGs available, DTSC can provide a two-part Excel spread sheet that will go a long way in helping you identify the RCRA LQGs in your jurisdiction. This list was culled from manifest submitted to DTSC between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005. If you are interested in receiving this type of information, please send a note to Mickey Pierce (mpierce@dtsc.ca.gov) with RCRA LQG in the subject line or message.

The Unified Program Section is interested in your comments and suggestions regarding the monthly newsletter. Please provide comments and suggestions to cupa@calepa.ca.gov.

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